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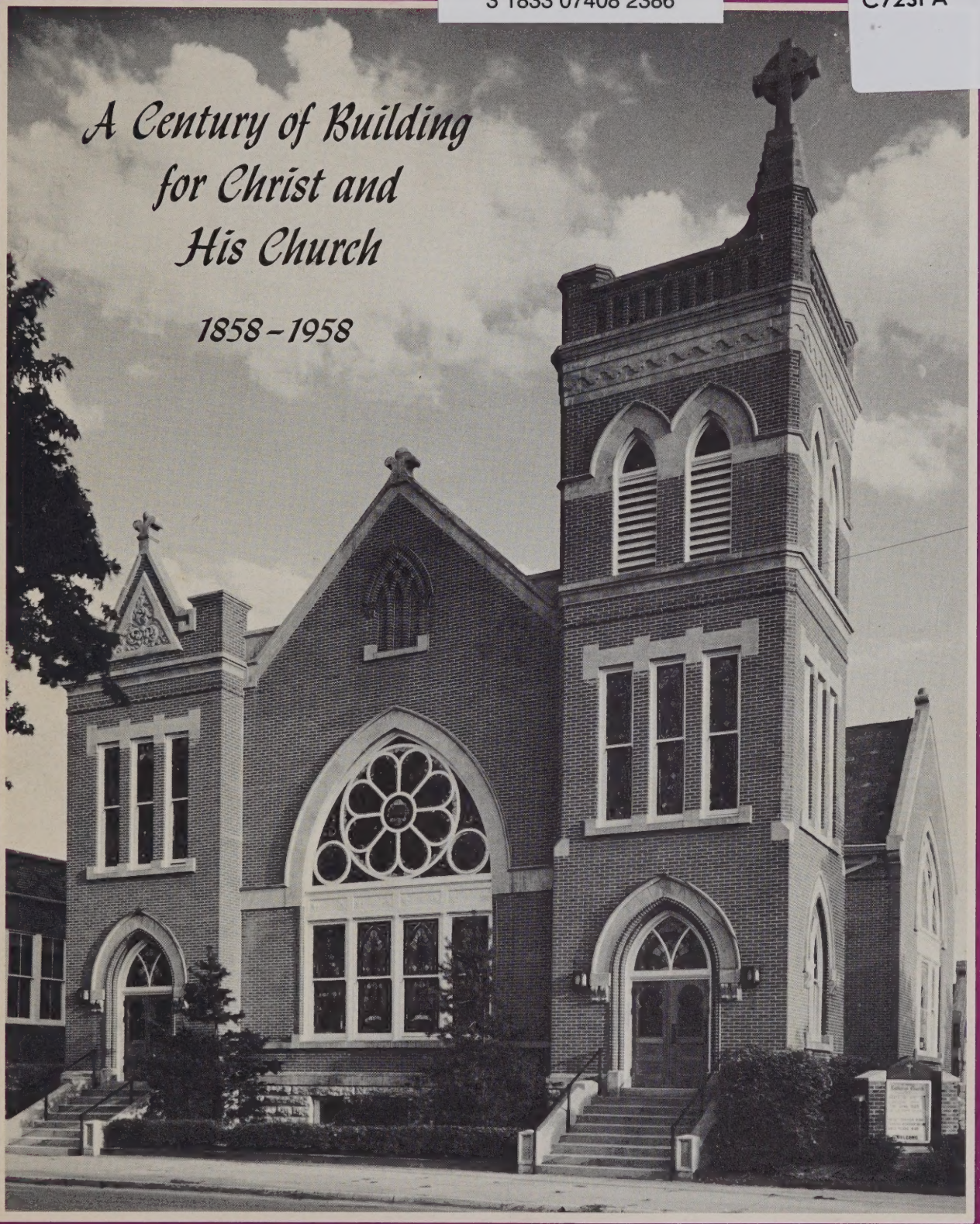
A Century of Building for Christ and His Church

1858 – 1958



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Columbus, Indiana

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Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Christ Jesus. 1 Cor. 3, 11

Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone. Eph. 2, 20.

Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Matt. 16, 16.

Upon this rock I will build my church. Matt. 16, 18.

Dedication

We dedicate this Centennial Anniversary Book to the Glory and Honor of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost; to the memory of the faithful and God-fearing pioneers who helped to found our congregation; to the former faithful pastors, teachers, and members who have now moved to other communities, or who have been translated into the Church Triumphant; to the men and women and young people of our present congregation who are carrying on the task of building the Kingdom of God in our time; and in gratitude for God's abundant blessings during the past ONE HUNDRED YEARS.

Our congregation is named after the Apostle Peter whose name means ROCK. Rock is symbolic of strength and sturdiness. Peter once made a confession concerning Jesus: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to the apostle: "Thou art Peter, and upon this ROCK (confession of faith) I will build my church." Our congregation builds upon that rock "Christ, the Son of the living God."

This year our congregation stands on the threshold of its second century. During the first century of our existence our congregation has been dedicated to the unalterable principles "The Scriptures Alone", "By Faith Alone", and "By Grace Alone." Faithful pastors, teachers, and members were "not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

The Word of God has been our only Guide. The Holy Ghost has been our only Interpreter. The spreading of the Gospel has been our uppermost mission. The Christian education of our youth, at an early age, has received continued emphasis in our midst. From the time of its founding, the congregation realized that its mission obligations reached to the far-off horizons of the world and thus united with THE LUTHERAN CHURCH-Missouri Synod to facilitate the accomplishment of our God-given mission to spread the Gospel to the "uttermost parts of the world."

We now face the second century. Our blessings today are traceable to the everlasting help of a gracious and benevolent God. Under the Holy Spirit's Guidance may our dedication to another Century of Building for Christ and His Church bring forth the same loyalties, the same sacrifices from a people holy in God's sight because "the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Rev. V. Paul Heine, Pastor of St. Peter's Church
Installed August 28, 1955

Building in the Past for the Future and Eternity

Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations. Deut. 32, 7.

St. Paul's Church,
Mother Church of St. Peter's

Rev. Zagel

At a meeting of the members of St. Paul's Church in 1858, five members and their families were released to become the charter members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Columbus, Indiana. These members were Henry C. Fehring, August Geilker, Ernest Kaiser, August Kiel, and Gustav Kiel. A small church was built at Fifth and Sycamore Streets and dedicated later in the same year. From 1858 to 1864 the congregation was served by Rev. Zagel and his successor, Rev. E. Rolf, pastors of St. Paul.

Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtain of thine habitations. Isa. 54, 2.

Second Church

When by 1870 the membership had increased to such an extent that a greater seating capacity was necessary, the congregation decided to build a new house of worship. The brick structure was erected at a cost of $9000 and dedicated in 1871. The old wooden church, which had also served as a school, was moved back on the lot and used exclusively as a school.

Branch School — Harrison Twp.

This school was established in 1877 when there was not enough room for the number of pupils enrolled in the city school. It continued in operation until 1912 and at one time had an enrollment of 40 pupils. Teachers who taught in this school were H. Engelbrecht, F. Kastenhuber, J. G. Roecker, M. Konzelman, and Theo. Trautman.

Second School

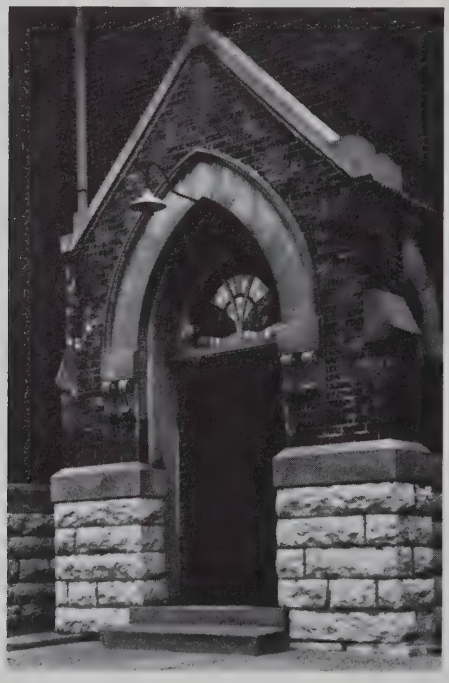
This building, erected at a cost of $3800 and dedicated in 1887, contained three classrooms. From that time until 1940, many of our present members attended classes in this building to learn "The One Thing Needful". When viewing the present-day classrooms with their equipment, they and their former teachers may come to the conclusion that they were born from 20 to 60 years too soon. Yet surely many fond memories remain of days spent in the "Old School".

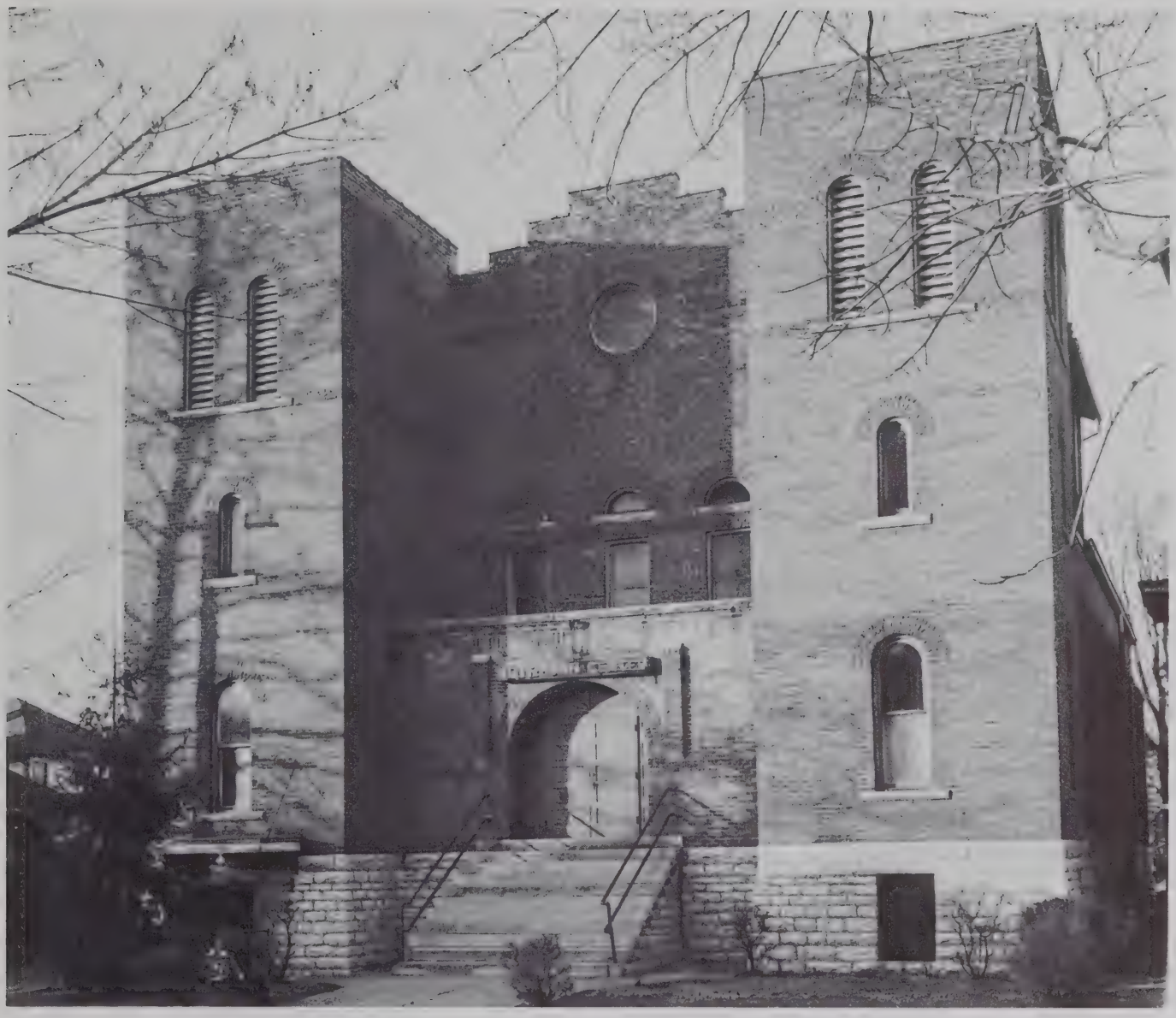
Last classes to attend the "Old School"

The last classes to attend the "Old School" took time out to have a picture taken before joyfully moving from the old to the new.

Faces and a room familiar to former students of the "Old School."

Sanctuary as it was in 1904.





Lutheran Center

This building was acquired in 1917 by the Y.M. and Y.W. Christian Association consisting of members of St. Peter's Church. In 1946 the congregation took over the ownership and control of the building. From 1917 to the present, the building has served for the activities of various organizations of the congregation.

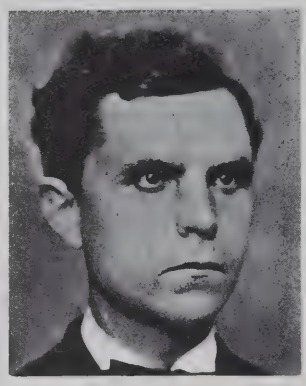
Our School, Unit I, Dedicated 1941.

Our School, Unit II, Dedicated 1951.

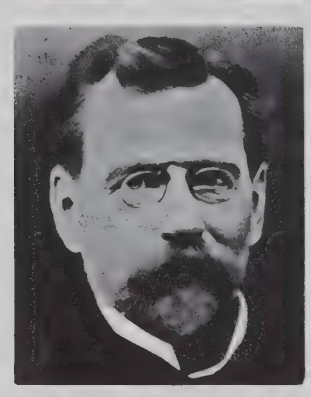
Remember them who have spoken unto you the word of God, whose faith follow. Hebr. 13, 7.

Pastors Who Served St. Peter's in the Past

Rev. Geo. Kuechle
1864-1867



Rev. J. G. Nuetzel
1867-1882



Rev. A. C. Trautman
1882-1903

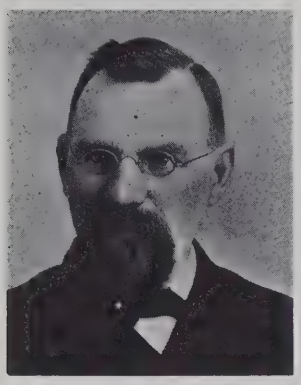
Rev. F. Wambsganss
1903-1921

Rev. Aug. E. Brauer
1921-1954

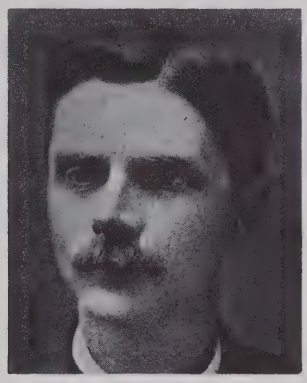
Rev. E. Essig
Assistant Pastor
1938-1939

Rev. Roy Guelzow
Assistant Pastor
and Pastor 1940-1955

Teachers Who Served St. Peter's in the Past

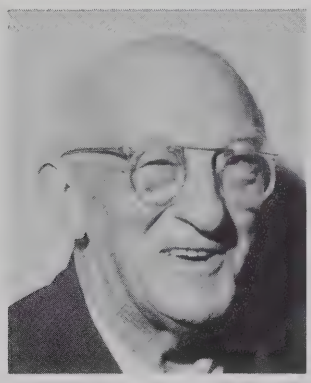


H. F. Bollman
1874-1882



Ch. Gotsch
1882-1906

Mary Kollmeyer
1895-1927



T. J. Koch
1906-1946

Robert Denninger
1912-1957

Ella Boese Cook
1927-1940

Edith Booster
1940-1945

Esther Tjernagel Olson
1945-1947

Oscar Wilde
1945-1946

Orlyn Schlie
1946-1956

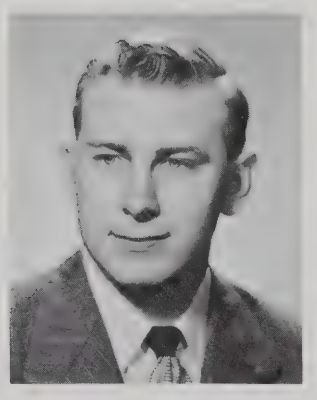
Erna Schepman
1946-1947

Edna Gutknecht
1947-1948

Selma Albrecht Finke
1948-1950
1956-1957

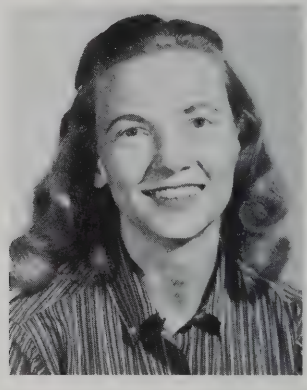
Lenore Ball Runge
1950-1952

Louise Behrens Everroad
1949-1950
1954-1955
1956-1957



Vernon Doehrman
1952-1956

Joanne Lambert Kiel
1950-1952



Doris Nuenaber Steffen
1950-1952

Barbara Westermeier Stewart
1955-1956

Rhoda Weber Koenig
1948-1950

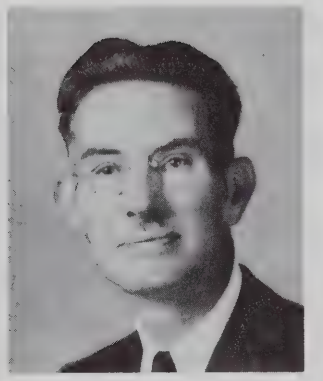
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. Rev. 14, 13.

Dedicated to the members who helped build St. Peter's Congregation and have passed from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Acts 2, 17.

Pastors and teachers who have gone forth from St. Peter's Church to work for Christ and His Kingdom

Henry Guckenberger



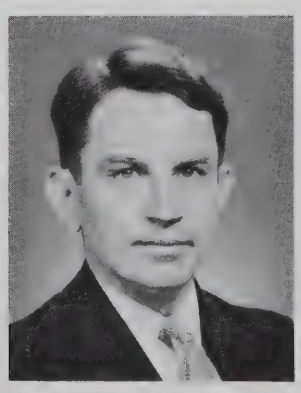
Louis Wambsganss

Karl Trautman

Robert Trautman

Julius Acker

Arthur Scheidt

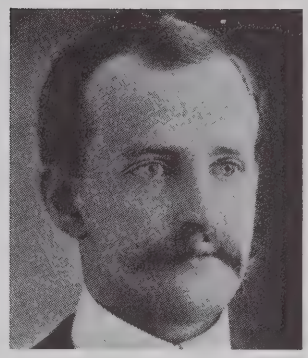


Lewis Niemoeller

Frederick Finke

Walter Gotsch

Mary Kollmeyer



Theo. Trautman

Ella Boese Cook

Elsie Steinker

Walter Koch

Smith Snively

Delores Strietelmeier

Ronald Snyder

Students in training for work in the church:
Eugene Schooler, Janet Buchanan, Kenneth Buuck, Shirley Hobson, James Pankow, Donald Moorman.

Barbara Westermeier Stewart

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord. Phil. 3, 1.

Special Days of Rejoicing

Dedication of First Church — 1858

Dedication of Second Church Building — 1871

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary — 1883

Dedication of School — 1887

Dedication of Present Church Building — 1904

Fiftieth Anniversary — 1908

Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation — 1917

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary — 1933

Dedication of School — 1940

Day of Thanksgiving Honoring Returned Service Men after World War II — 1946

Centennial of Synod — 1947

Re-dedication of Church after Fire in 1947 — 1948

Centennial Celebration — 1958

Easter Sunrise Service

I am the good shepherd. John 10, 11.

Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph. 4, 3.

The time when St. Peter's Church became a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod could not be definitely established, but it must have been at an early date since the first pastors were members of Synod. The congregation has consistently supported the work of missions, of pastor and teacher training, and other activities of Synod. Members of the Synodical committee are elected by the congregation to keep it informed on the various phases of Synod's work.

Since 1931 the congregation is also a member of the Jackson and Bartholomew County Mission Federation and has by the work of its delegates and its financial support assisted in promoting missions in these and neighboring counties. Members of the Federation committee are delegates to meetings of the Federation and report the progress of the work.

On many occasions, that is every six years, St. Peter's Church has been host to the Southern Indiana Pastors and Teachers' Conference, which is so important in keeping the unity of the spirit.

Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions. Gen. 24, 60.

Grace Lutheran Church

In July, 1955, St. Peter's Church released 55 members who had decided to found a new congregation. Grace Church was dedicated in 1956 and is served by Rev. Stratford Eynon.

Parsonage (acquired in 1955)

Believers were added to the Lord, multitudes both men and women. Acts 5, 14.

The statistics given below are taken from the Statistical Year Books of Synod. No reliable data are available for the years before 1884. However, the growth from the five families in 1858 to 709 baptized and 430 communicant members in 1884 is quite remarkable.

YEAR	1884	1890	1900	1910	1921	1930	1940	1950	1957
BAPTIZED MEMBERS	709	970		1000		1184	1344	1700	2024
COMMUNICANT MEMBERS	430	552	618		760	862	1056	1254	1403
CHILDREN BAPTIZED	22	28	18	17	19	24	30	57	46
CHILDREN CONFIRMED	23	20	14	20	13	32	18	19	43
ADULTS CONFIRMED		INCLUDED IN DATA ABOVE					2	8	14
COMMUNED	706	1238	1687	1776	1826	2538	2853	3322	5121
MARRIAGES	9	8	13	18	11	8	17	13	12
BURIALS	14	12	14	19	15	12	14	22	13
PARISH SCHOOL TEACHERS	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	7	12
PARISH SCHOOL PUPILS	116	120	101	165	124	133	153	248	367*
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS						25	28	45†	38†
SUNDAY SCHOOL PUPILS						222	234	394	396
BIBLE CLASS								100	200
CONTRIBUTIONS (HOME)					6874	10321	9602	48820	92772
CONTRIBUTIONS (AT LARGE)					3344	8500	7927	25615	21588

* INCLUDES PUPILS FROM GRACE CHURCH AND PUPILS FROM ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
† INCLUDES TEACHERS OF BIBLE CLASSES

Centennial Committee

Seated: Deaconess Miss Louise Fox, Pastor Heine, Robert Eickbush, chairman, Mrs. Opal Tellman, secretary. Standing: Mrs. Carl Gossman, Mrs. Herbert Boeschen, Mrs. Carl Kiel, Clarence Westermeier, Oscar Snyder, Gilbert Blomenberg, Mrs. Joseph Strietelmeier, Clive Pankow, Louis Mellencamp, Richard Lane, Robert Denninger. Mrs. Karl Schaefer was not present for the picture.

Building in the Present for the Future and Eternity

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. 1 Chron. 16, 29.

Worship

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. Ps. 42, 1.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it. Luke 11, 28.

The Epistle and the Gospel

I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. Rom. 1, 16.

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself . . . and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5, 19.

The Sermon

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things. So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. Rom. 10, 15. 17.

Suffer little children to come unto me. Mark 10, 14.

Holy Baptism

Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matt. 28, 18.

Be thou faithful unto death. Rev. 2, 10.

Confirmation

Hold that fast that thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Rev. 3, 11.

This do in remembrance of Me. Luke 22, 19.

Holy Communion

Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11, 28.

Compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. Luke 15, 23.

Adult Class

Consultation

Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Ruth 1, 16.

Holy Matrimony

Junior Choir, A. J. Hischke, Director

Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him. **Ps. 105, 2.**

Mixed Choir, Gilbert Blomenberg, Director

Male Chorus, A. J. Hischke, Director

Even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you. Isa. 46, 4.

Service for the Aged and Infirm

Several times during the year, special Communion services for the aged and infirm are held on specified Sunday afternoons. The elders provide transportation and assistance.

Three Nonagenarians of St. Peter's Church

Mrs. Wiegman

Mr. John Fehring

Mrs. Louis Bowlen

These words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart, and thou shalt teach them diligently to thy children. Deut. 6, 6. 7.

From its beginning, St. Peter's Church has been greatly concerned about the Christian education of its children and, therefore, made provisions for a Christian day-school. During the early years the pastors taught school. It was not until 1874 that a regular teacher was called, and in 1877 one was called for the branch school. When the second school was built and dedicated in 1887, a primary teacher was employed for grades 1-3. When in 1912 the operation of the branch school was discontinued, a third teacher was called for the city school. In 1940 the new building was completed, and four teachers taught 153 pupils in four classrooms. In the last decade the enrollment has increased to such an extent that twelve teachers instruct 367 pupils. Fifty-five of these are members of Grace and St. Paul's congregations.

Present Faculty

Seated: Gilbert Blomenberg, principal, 1941-; Standing, left to right, Gilbert Schultz, 1957-, Miss Delores Strietelmeier, 1953-, Virgil Linkert, 1957-, Miss Julia ZumMallen, 1957-, Carl Prifogle, 1957-, Mrs. Harlan Stuckwisch, 1956-, Harlan Stuckwisch, 1956-, Mrs. Walter Steinker, 1952-, Miss Judith McCauley, 1956-, A. J. Hischke, 1950-, R. G. Buuck, 1952-.

Our Future Membership

Student Convocation

Johnny and Susie Learn to Read

A Science Project Completed

A Music Period

The Best Period of the Day.

Lunch Time

The cafeteria equipped in 1948 now daily serves 350 lunches.

Lutheran Cubs

Every Hoosier school must have its basketball teams and games.

Lutheran Lions

From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures. 2 *Tim.* 3, 16.

In 1927, St. Peter's established a Sunday-school with a Beginners, a Primary, an Intermediate, and a Senior department and a Junior Bible class for high school students. Later a Nursery department was added, and the Junior Bible classes were integrated with the adult Bible classes in one department.

For thirty years the Sunday-School has been an enriching spiritual experience for both pupils and teachers. The first superintendent, Edward Mensendieck, served from 1927 to 1943. Since that time Willard Schwartzkopf, who had been a teacher from the beginning in the Sunday School, has served as superintendent. Miss Emma VonStrohe is supervisor for the Primary and Beginners Departments. The present enrollment, from the Nursery department to the Senior department, included, is 396.

Edw. Mensendieck,
First Superintendent

Sunday-School Teachers

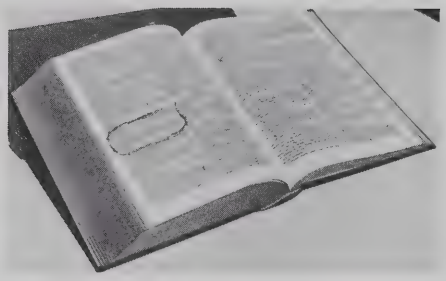
Learning about Jesus

Willard Schwartzkopf,
Present Superintendent

Miss VonStrohe,
Supervisor Primary
Department

Practicing
for a
Christmas Program

Search the Scriptures. John 5, 39.



Teachers of Bible Classes

Standing, Gilbert Blomenberg, T. J. Koch, Charles Strietelmeier, Robert Eickbush, Carl Prifogle. Seated, Walter Sasse, Joseph Stanley, Maurice Eckelman and Robert Denninger. Absent, Harlan Stuckwisch and Virgil Linkert.

Look ye out among you . . . men . . . whom we may appoint over this business. Acts 6, 3.

The words recorded in Acts 6 quoted above are as true and applicable to modern conditions in our churches as when they were spoken by the apostles to the first Christian congregation. In a congregation with 2,000 baptized and 1,400 communicant members there is much work to be done that the preaching and teaching ministry may function effectively. The Voters' Assembly of St. Peter's Church has, therefore, from time to time during its existence made provisions for the election of officers and members of various boards and for the appointment of members of committees to perform certain duties that the church's mission may be accomplished.

Agenda for the Voters' Assembly

CHURCH OFFICERS: Pastor Heine, Walter Miller, chairman; Donald Mellencamp, vice-president; Harlan Stuckwisch, secretary; Donald Schwartzkopf, assistant treasurer; Charles Blocher, treasurer; Ralph Steinwedel, assistant financial secretary; George Kolopanis, financial secretary.

Church Attendance Statistics

BOARD OF ELDERS: Seated, Earl Legan, Edwin Anderson, Pastor Heine, Karl Scheidt, and Robert Westermeier. Standing, Walter Sasse, Paul Snyder, Clarence Armuth, Robert Tellman, Harold Voelz, Robert Bolte, Ray Deitz, and Raymond Fortmeyer.

Specifications for Re-decoration

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Fred Schlehuser, Frank Schneider, and Louis Schuette.

Receipts and Disbursements

FINANCE BOARD: William Loesch, J. Carl Suverkrup, Herbert Boeschen.

Enrollment Figures

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Wilbur Hoeltke, Forrest Arnholt, Carl Gossman.

Service with a Smile

SERVICE COMMITTEE: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schwartzkopf, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nolting not present.

Planning for the Future

PLANNING COMMITTEE: Clarence Schwartzkopf, Pastor Heine, Walter Blickle, Clarence Westermeier. Standing, Ernest Stadler, Fred Armuth, Paul Pardieck, Lawrence Strietelmeier, Arthur Taylor. Donald Force was not present.

Room for Two in the Front Pew

BOARD OF USHERS: At table, Frank Armuth, George Eckelman, Robert Wendel, Robert C. Strietelmeier, Wilbur Horn, Joe Everroad, Jr. Standing, Harold Eickbush, John Arnholt, Donald Burbrink, Gerald Armuth, Leonard Sachleben, Kenneth Arnholt, George Shafer, Eugene Wint, Frank Suverkrup, William Schnier, Harry Horn, Jr., and John Schwartzkopf. Robert Nolting and Robert Hoeltke were not present for the picture.

At Your Service

Church Office, Kamman House
Secretary: Eleanor Loos

Mission and Synodical Reports

MISSION FEDERATION COMMITTEE: Elmer Strietelmeier, Louis Thomas, Ralph Cline
SYNODICAL COMMITTEE: Charles Strietelmeier, Roland Kamman

Making Reservations for Organizations

LUTHERAN CENTER BOARD: Mrs. Richard Hobson, Mrs. Herbert Boeschen, Mrs. Russell Peel, Joseph Loesch, Clarence H. Schwartzkopf, Robert Thomas, Evans Hoeltke, Oscar Herkamp and Louis Lienhoop.

They Keep Things Spic and Span

CUSTODIANS: R. Wissman, A. Bulthius, H. Nordman

Deaconess Louise Fox

In Romans 16:1 we read "I want this letter to introduce to you Phoebe, our sister, a deaconess of the Church at Cenchrea. Please give her a Christian welcome, and any assistance with her work that she may need. She has herself been of great assistance to many, not excluding myself."

Miss Louise Fox, a native of Birmingham, Alabama, and a 1956 graduate of our Deaconess School at Valparaiso University, came in our midst in June of 1956.

Our deaconess assists greatly in many areas of congregational life. She serves as DIRECTOR OF OUR YOUTH PROGRAM, visits the sick and shut-ins, makes calls at the hospital, visits prospective members for the church, works with the Sunday School, serves as leader in our Vacation Bible School, and assists with secretarial work in the pastor's office.

Planning a Program

YOUTH COMMITTEE: Seated, Mrs. Herbert Hopkins, Mrs. Albert Meier, Mrs. Earl Behrman, Mrs. Roy Moorman. Standing, Mr. Hopkins, John Stadler, Mrs. Stadler, Orville Moorman, Mrs. Moorman, Mr. Meier, Mr. Behrman, Roy Moorman.

Remember thy Creator in thy youth. Eccl. 12, 1.

The Junior Walther League was organized in 1922 with the name Concordia Juniors. The membership included the young people of high school age. From 1922 to 1947 the organization was sponsored by Robert Denninger. Since the large potential membership hampered the effectiveness of the organization, three divisions were formed: The Teen-age Concordians (Freshmen) are under the sponsorship of Harlan Stuckwisch; the Concordia Sophomores are supervised by Miss Fox, and the Concordia Juniors by Miss Delores Strietelmeier. The Youth Committee of the church lends assistance in formulating and carrying out the youth program in these organizations.

Junior Walther League — Sophomores

Junior Walther League — Freshmen

Junior Walther League — Juniors

A young peoples' society called the Concordia Verein was organized in 1914 and three years later, when the Lutheran Center was acquired, joined the Walther League at the Indiana District Convention held in Columbus. Since then the Senior Walther League has participated continuously in the program of the Indiana District and the International Walther League.

Social Activity at a Walther League Meeting

In 1944 under the leadership of Mrs. Clarence Westermeier and Mrs. Earl Schaefer, the first Brownie troop was activated in St. Peter's Lutheran Church. At present three Girl Scout troops with forty-six members meet weekly at the Lutheran Center. Mrs. William Schnier is leader of Troop 17 with Mrs. Nello Arterburn as assistant. Troop 99 is directed by Mrs. Charles Gobin. Mrs. Charles Odell is the assistant. The leader of Troop 21 is Mrs. Karl Schaefer.

Girl Scout Troops 17, 99, and 21

Soil Conservation

One of the First Troops

Boy Scout Troop 58 was activated in 1955 with Willis Repp and Robert Wendel as scoutmasters during that year and 1956. In 1957 the Senior Troop 2058 was activated. The present scoutmaster is Francis Arnholt, with Harold Schafstall, Jr. as junior assistant scoutmaster. The present scout advisor is James Walters.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Gal. 6, 20.

They continued steadfastly in . . . fellowship. Acts 2, 42.

Adult Organizations of St. Peter's Church

LADIES AID, oldest of the church societies, has always considered the supporting of local students at our synodical colleges as its foremost project. Its centennial gift was a contribution toward purchase of communion ware, receptacle, and washer.

THE SEWING CIRCLE, organized in 1908, has a present membership of 124. A few of the many projects sponsored in the past include solicitation for members for the Lutheran Child Welfare Association, serving meals for the Pastors and Teachers' Conference whenever it met in Columbus, equipping of the kitchen at the Lutheran Center and the school cafeteria. Its special centennial gift to the congregation is the audio equipment for the church.

THE CONCORDIA GUILD, organized in 1921, has as its project the purchase and care of altar and pulpit vestments and purchase and repair of hymnals. Its centennial gift was the new registrar stands.

THE NORTHEAST MISSION was organized in 1940 to promote missions in the northeast section of the city. At present its members are engaged in sewing for the Red Cross and making scrapbooks for the Muscatatuck State School. Its centennial gift was a tape recorder.

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE is a Synod-wide organization. The Columbus chapter has for 15 years tried to increase knowledge and a greater love for missions. Its "mite-box" collections for the past year amounted to $1,261.57. Its special centennial gift is pew envelope holders.

THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE GUILD was organized in 1949 to give what its name implies. It has 22 active members. The editing and publishing of a News-letter is a valuable service for the transmitting of information concerning congregational activities to every member of the church. The guild also offers scholarships for local students for the preaching and teaching ministry. A special centennial gift is a contribution toward a spinet piano for use in the church.

THE MARY MARTHA SOCIETY, organized in 1952, has 20 active members. Latest service by this society was the making of drapes for the business office and the nursery rooms in the Kamman house and the making of prayer books for the Muscatatuck School. For a centennial gift a contribution was made for communion ware.

THE MARRIED COUPLES CLUB was organized in 1942 in order to draw adult confirmands and new members from other localities into closer fellowship within the congregation. The club has 82 members. The club also made a contribution for communion ware as a centennial gift.

THE TABITHA GUILD has donated the dossal curtain as a centennial gift. The guild has 30 members and was organized in 1952.

THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP SOCIETY was organized in 1950. Its purpose is Christian fellowship as its name implies, but it also pursues other endeavors. Its latest was to furnish the equipment for the nursery room in the Kamman house, and to volunteer service in caring for infants during church services. The society also made a contribution to the Centennial fund.

THE VALPARAISO GUILD is of course primarily concerned in promoting interest in Valparaiso University and presently its efforts are directed in helping to finance the Guild chapel in the new auditorium under construction at Valparaiso University.

THE YOUNG COUPLES CLUB had its beginning in 1948 to provide an opportunity for fellowship among the younger married people. The club also aims to promote and aid youth activities within the church.

THE PARENT-TEACHER LEAGUE was established in 1953 and since 1956 is a member of the Synod-wide P. T. L. Its obvious purpose is to establish a closer relationship between the home and school.

THE MEN'S CLUB, organized in the forties, now numbers 110 members and is a member of the Lutheran Laymen's League as a club. It also sponsors a drive for individual members to the L. L. L. which this year netted 270 members. In addition, the club also supports the broadcasting of the Lutheran hour over a Melbourne, Australia station. Years ago the club donated projectors to the church for use in school and at society meetings and still provides for the upkeep of this audio-visual equipment. Its centennial contribution was used for shrubbery for the church grounds.

THE COME DOUBLE CLUB, the youngest of our organizations, has 24 members and like several other organizations, aims to draw married members in its age group into closer fellowship.

Many of the organizations gave cash contributions for the centennial celebration to be used at the discretion of the centennial committee. Other gifts were also given by individuals.

Men's Club

Christian Service Guild

Officers of the Guild

Lutheran Women's
Missionary League

Solicitors L. W. M. L.

Style Show L. W. M. L.

Young Couples Club

Valparaiso Guild and Officers

Concordia Guild

Tabitha Guild

Mary Martha Society

Sewing Circle

Parent-Teacher League

Married Couples Club

Christian Fellowship Society

Come Double Club

Northeast Mission

Behold I stand at the door and knock. Rev. 3, 20.

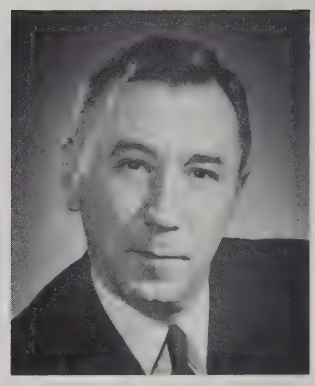
PROGRAM

Centennial Celebration

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

MAY 18
SYNOD SUNDAY SERVICES
8:30 and 10:30 A. M.
Speaker, Dr. J. W. Behnken

MAY 25
YOUTH SUNDAY SERVICES
8:30 and 10:30 A. M.
Speaker, Rev. Roy E. Guelzow



JUNE 1
ORGANIZATIONS SUNDAY SERVICES
8:30 and 10:30 A. M.
Speaker, Rev. Lewis Niemoeller

JUNE 1
FOUNDERS' DAY VESPER SERVICE
4:00 P. M.
Speaker, Rev. Aug. E. Brauer
Informal social, school cafeteria after services

JUNE 8
JUBILEE SUNDAY SERVICES
8:30 and 10:30 A. M.
Speaker, Rev. Arthur Scheidt

JUNE 8
CENTENNIAL PAGEANT, MEMORIAL GYM
7:00 P. M.
Closing Devotions, Rev. V. Paul Heine

Liturgist, Rev. V. Paul Heine
Special music by choirs at all services

MAY 24
YOUTH BANQUET, DONNER CENTER
6:30 P. M.
Speaker, Rev. Roy E. Guelzow

Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Matt. 28, 20.

Centennial Prayer

Grant that we Thy Word may cherish
And its purity retain.
Lord, unless Thou art the Builder,
All our labor is in vain.
Keep us from all pride and boasting,
Vanity and foolish trust,
Knowing that our work without Thee
Soon will crumble into dust.

God of grace and love and blessing,
Thine alone shall be the praise;
Give us hearts to trust Thee truly,
Hands to serve Thee all our days.
Lord, bestow Thy future blessing
Till we join the heavenly host,
There to praise and serve Thee ever,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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